

To: Perinatal Providers in the Episodes of Care program

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Subject: New Cost Exclusions for Perinatal Episode (Maternity Quality Payment Incentives)

The Episodes of Care program is adding new spend exclusions to the perinatal episode for the 2022 performance year, in order to align incentives with TennCare's new maternity quality payment initiatives. These changes will ensure that the new incentive payments will not count towards providers' perinatal episode costs.

The following changes will be effective for the 2022 performance year, which began on January 1, 2022:

- Costs of completing the pregnancy notification form will be excluded from the perinatal episode.
- Costs of completing postpartum visits for uncomplicated, routine care will be excluded from the perinatal episode.
- Costs of completing maternal mental health screenings will be excluded from the perinatal episode.

To read more about TennCare's new maternity quality payment initiatives, please visit:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/TennCareMCOMaternalHealthWebinarDecember2021.pdf>.

Separately, the [perinatal](#), [attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\)](#), and [oppositional defiant disorder \(ODD\)](#) episodes have also been updated to address minor code changes.

If you have any questions, please write to Payment.Reform@tn.gov.
